

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
USSN 09/802,926
Attorney Docket Q63447
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REMARKS

In the last Office Action Claims 2-13 were objected to because of informalities. Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claims 2, 3, 8, 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 1,630,076 in view of US Patent 6,348,023. Claims 4-7, 9 and 11 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 10 was also said to be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 37 C.F.R. § 112, second paragraph, as set forth in the Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

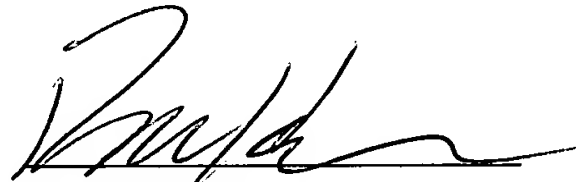
By way of this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 1-13 in favor of new claims 14-24 which are believed to address the rejections above. Claim 14 corresponds substantially to claim 13 plus allowable claim 4 - the limitations of claims 2 and 3, from which claim 4 depended, are not included in claim 13 as they are not believed necessary for antecedent support or to distinguish over the prior art. The dependent claims substantially mirror the canceled dependent claims. In view of the indicated allowability of claim 4, it is respectfully submitted that new claims 14-24 are allowable.

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If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application on the next Office Action and feels that an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issue, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the purpose of arranging such an interview.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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